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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TREASURER, SELECTMEN,  
AND  
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OF THE  
**TOWN OF STRAFFORD,**  
FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st,  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, FOR THE YEAR 1881, ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

### PAID SCHOOL BILLS.

District No.	1,	Dana R. Berry,	124 49
	3,	Frank P. Whitehouse,	80 53
	4,	Samuel F. Welch,	60 64
	5,	John L. Babb,	109 93
	6,	Jacob W. Foss,	31 07
	6,	Do., for year 1881,	30 53
	6,	Do., part back money,	4 93
	7,	Charles M. Young,	104 90
	9,	Levi W. Brown,	142 20
10 & 11,		Mary A. Shaw,	234 79
	12,	T. Leighton,	72 51
	13,	Horace W. Evans,	81 06
	14,	Benjamin T. Hayes,	64 78
	15,	Samuel B. Gray,	99 66
	16,	John H. Perry,	96 31
	17,	John D. Clark,	134 83
	18,	Asenath A. Caverly,	102 37
	19,	John A. Seward,	88 93
	20,	Herbert Tasker,	54 69

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\$1719 15

PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY,  
Summer of 1880.

Dist. No. 10,	James H. Berry,	6 33
11,	George W. Goodwin,	3 27
18,	Stephen N. Lougee,	5 85
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		\$15 45

PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY,  
Spring of 1881.

District No. 2,	Dana R. Berry,	19 68
3,	Benj. P. Berry,	13 48
4,	Charles F. Felker,	24 12
5,	Gorham T. Foss,	11 73
6,	Cyrus G. Scott,	10 09
7,	Horatio N. Foss,	5 94
8,	John G. Holmes,	23 30
9,	John W. Avery,	25 29
10,	James H. Berry,	5 58
11,	George W. Goodwin,	5 35
18,	Stephen N. Lougee,	4 04
19,	David M. Perkins,	16 90
20,	Hanson Howard,	8 72
21,	Stephen Leighton,	4 20
"	Moses C. Willey,	3 24
22,	Oliver M. Swain,	62 18
23,	Herbert E. Tasker,	31 60
24,	Perley R. Coombs,	4 80
25,	Haven B. Foss,	5 99
26,	Do.,	19 98
27,	Charles E. Jenness,	13 08
31,	Charles S. Hanson,	15 00
33,	Charles N. Daniels,	44 67
35,	John H. Bateman,	26 13
37,	Cyrus H. Tasker,	11 05
41,	Clinton Caswell,	20 20
	John W. Avery, Blue Hill,	25 14
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		\$461 48

PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY,  
Summer of 1881.

District No. 1,	Charles F. Foss,	51 76
2,	Elbridge L. Foss,	46 97
3,	John S. Brock,	45 70
"	George W. Brock, plough broken,	3 00
4,	Alonzo H. Cater,	57 86
5,	Gorham T. Foss,	24 39
6,	Reuel L. Gray,	35 49
7,	Horatio N. Foss,	11 68
"	Do., lumber for bridge,	4 00
8,	John W. Avery,	69 24
"	John G. Holmes, lumber for bridge,	7 80
9,	Ebenezer H. Holmes,	44 83
10,	James H. Berry,	57 40
11,	Harrison S. Babb,	62 37
12,	O. M. Foss,	39 16
13,	Jacob W. Foss,	15 30
"	Do., lumber for bridge,	4 00
14,	Wm. H. Berry,	20 95
15,	N. C. Twombly,	60 75
"	Anderson & Cochran,	
	lumber for bridge,	70 20
16,	John C. Hayes,	157 66
"	Eben'r Smith, lumber for bridge,	9 68
17,	Richard W. Foss,	76 37
18,	Eli J. Foye,	14 20
19,	Lyman W. Foss,	33 47
"	Paul Perkins, lumber for bridge,	7 89
20,	John W. Holmes,	44 24
21,	Moses C. Willey,	34 19
22,	Warren A. Small,	23 67
23,	Edwin W. Drew,	28 16
24,	Horace W. Evans,	13 96
"	J. A. Whitcher, lumber and labor,	4 00
25,	Benjamin T. Hayes,	43 32
26,	Charles P. Foss,	13 22
27,	Charles E. Jenness,	24 24



District No. 28,	Joseph Piper,	23 37
29,	John C. Huckins,	59 22
30,	Edmund O. Caswell,	56 75
31,	John F. Hanson,	77 07
32,	Orrin Foss,	10 53
33,	Charles N. Daniels,	56 76
34,	James W. Tuttle,	36 13
35,	Daniel Clay,	61 87
36,	John C. Hall,	31 19
37,	Melvin C. Tasker,	30 30
38,	Darius C. Durgin,	8 64
39,	James M. Caswell,	38 81
40,	Charles E. Evans,	24 70
	Do., pauper road,	9 01
	E. H. Holmes, Blue Hill pauper road,	29 67
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		\$1815 13

PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS—Winter of 1881-2.

District No. 1,	Charles F. Foss,	58 65
2,	Elbridge L. Foss,	45 35
3,	John S. Brock,	38 11
4,	Alonzo H. Cater,	93 30
5,	Gorham T. Foss,	32 18
6,	Reuel L. Gray,	27 87
7,	Horatio N. Foss,	28 30
8,	John W. Avery,	129 42
9,	E. H. Holmes,	57 88
"	Herbert J. Holmes,	84
10,	James H. Berry,	15 15
11,	Harrison S. Babb,	46 19
12,	O. M. Foss,	34 40
13,	Jacob W. Foss,	15 08
14,	Wm. H. Berry,	33 29
15,	N. C. Twombly,	42 14
16,	John C. Hayes,	97 18
17,	Richard W. Foss,	87 96



District No. 18,	Eli J. Foye,	42 74
19,	Lyman W. Foss,	44 64
20,	John W. Holmes,	77 28
21,	Moses C. Willey,	54 60
22,	Warren A. Small,	43 23
23,	Edwin W. Drew,	45 34
25,	Benjamin T. Hayes,	44 50
26,	Charles P. Foss,	16 74
27,	Charles E. Jenness,	35 16
28,	Joseph Piper,	24 87
29,	John C. Huckins,	60 38
30,	Edmund O. Caswell,	36 46
31,	John F. Hanson,	111 28
32,	Orrin Foss,	21 79
33,	Charles N. Daniels,	86 57
34,	James W. Tuttle,	59 28
35,	Daniel Clay,	51 73
36,	John C. Hall,	30 12
37,	Melvin C. Tasker,	53 76
38,	Darius C. Durgin,	65 59
39,	James M. Caswell,	28 95
40,	Charles E. Evans,	32 92
	Do., pauper road,	20 40
	E. H. Holmes, Blue Hill "	30 38
	Samuel B. Hanscom,	6 90
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		\$2008 90

#### PAID NOTES, INTEREST AND BONDS.

Warren P. Hanscom,	66 00	Rufus Hall,	303 76
Sarah A. Trickey,	50 00	Everett Gerrish,	220 87
Geo. W. Brewster,	25 00	Elizabeth L. Weeks,	8 00
Joseph A. Whitcher,	50 00	Est. of Betsey Shaw,	713 12
Rufus Hall,	60 00	Sarah A. Trickey,	100 00
Polly Otis,	223 12	Elmer Berry,	111 33
N. C. Twombly, by		Mary A. McDonald,	175 00
Wm. H. Rollins, 1359	33	Dennis Winkley,	629 40

Betsey Shaw,	100 00	Emma P. Neal,	80 42
Mercy E. Montgomery,	100 00	Rufus Hall,	2137 42
C. C. Robinson,	148 17	Lydia Tasker,	15 00
Sundry persons as per coupons,	166 00		<hr/> \$6,841 94

### BILLS PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Moses Otis for support of H. M. Otis,	55 00
John W. Jewell, goods del. Martha Evans,	5 00
Do., do., J. W. Roberts,	5 00
H. C. Coburn, med. att. to A. Sullivan,	18 00
Joshua Woodman, support of D. B. Waldron,	31 50
C. M. Hill, goods del. G. H. Brown,	5 33
Do., do., Martha Evans,	8 00
Do., do., Woodbury F. Berry,	52 00
Willis A. Hall, nursing Andrew Sullivan,	21 00
William Cate, support of Polly Brock,	208 00
Charles E. Evans, support of J. H. Evans,	26 00
J. W. Pray, med. att. to L. Randlett,	45 75
N. C. Twombly, do.,	18 00
Do. J. H. Wallace,	13 00
Do. I. B. Brown	52 00
Mary J. Young, nursing "	4 00
John M. Whitehouse, support of A. Sullivan,	15 00
David W. Evans, support of Sarah Evans,	104 00
Mrs. J. H. Stiles, support of Carrie E. Sanborn,	4 00
William Waterhouse, med. att. to M. Evans,	6 00
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### BILLS PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid G. H. Brown, support of A. L. Tuttle and child,	20 00
Mrs. John H. Stiles, " Lizzie Brown,	11 00
Moses H. Piper, " J. E. Piper,	52 00



Paid H. W. Roberts, flour del. M. Varney,	8 50
James Farrington, med. att. "	2 00
Andrew J. Hall, support of J. H. Tuttle,	43 00
Charles M. Hill, goods del. L. B. Johnson,	10 00
Dana R. Berry, flour del. M. Varney,	7 00
Joshua Otis, supplies del. "	43 47
N. C. Twombly, " Alice Bunker,	52 00
Do. med. att. to H. Thompson,	4 50
Do. " A. Bunker,	7 00
Sam'l Brown, sup. L. Brown, A. L. Tuttle & child,	98 00
Wm. Johnson, " Samuel Johnson,	57 00
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	\$415 47

#### PAID STATE AND COUNTY TAXES, &c.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State tax,	1216 00
Harry Hough, county tax,	1429 65
D. S. Woodman, watering tub,	3 00
John Sanders, " "	3 00
Charles D. Scruton, cash paid out,	4 90
Gilbert Shaw, wood for town hall,	3 50
Oliver Foss, overtaxed from 1875 to 1881,	70 99
S. F. Sanderson, stationery and receipt book,	60
H. C. Coburn, return of births and deaths,	1 75
John O. Boody, printing orders and school bills,	3 00
John C. Hall, watering tub,	3 00
S. D. Berry, hauling sawdust for town hall,	1 00
Samuel F. Welch, watering tub,	3 00
Wm. W. Hawkins, " "	2 00
D. B. Whitehouse, " "	3 00
James W. Tuttle, drawback on horse and dog lost,	2 66
George Brock, burying horse,	1 50
Warren H. Perkins, cash paid out,	9 00
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	\$2,771 33

## PAID FOR LAWSUITS AND DAMAGES.

Paid J. G. Hall, cost in U. S. C., Welch case,	12 98
T. J. Smith, " Caverly and Page suits,	40 69
Wm. N. Ricker, damage on highway to horse,	25 00
T. J. Smith, advice for 1880,	15 00
John C. Hayes, cash paid E. C. Gage to drop his suit against town of Strafford,	25 00
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	\$118 67

## PAID SUNDRY PERSONS FOR SERVICES.

Paid John O. Boody, selectman, spring of 1881,	11 50
Warren H. Perkins, " "	10 00
Daniel Huckins, " "	10 00
Charles W. Whitchee, S. S. committee, 1880,	26 75
James W. Tuttle, collector for 1880,	100 00
Charles W. Whitchee, S. S. committee, 1881,	75 00
Loring K. Foss, town clerk,	50 00
Charles D. Scruton, town treasurer,	60 00
J. L. Hall, collecting school house tax, dist. No. 5,	10 00
Joseph A. Whitchee, auditor for 1880,	2 50
Aaron W. Foss, " "	1 50
Edrich I. Foss, supervisor for 1881-2,	10 00
O. M. Foss, " "	7 50
John S. Foss,	2 00
Warren H. Perkins, selectman,	122 00
John C. Hayes, " "	120 00
Lovell F. Berry, " "	88 20
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	\$706 95



## BOUNTIES ON HAWKS AND CROWS.

Paid Clarendon S. Foss,	20
B. F. Foss,	20
Wm. H. Berry,	20
Nelson G. Howard,	80
Do.,	60
Willis H. Cater,	40
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	\$2 40

## SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid John L. Babb, Dist. No. 5,	\$76 39
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## DAMAGES TO SHEEP, &amp;c., BY DOGS.

Paid Joseph Scruton,	6 00
D. B. Whitehouse,	6 00
Wm. E. Boody,	5 00
Leonard W. Caverly,	2 00
Cotton H. Foss,	3 00
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	\$22 00

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED JOSEPH L. HALL, ON  
HIS LIST FOR 1881—TOWN TAX.

Seth Tasker, heirs, overtaxed,	5 51
Hannah A. Howard, highway,	2 84
Ezra Tuttle, minister,	3 32
A. C. Tuttle, non-resident,	2 45
Stephen Farnham, highway,	75

Charles H. Wills, non-resident,	2 45
John P. Berry, “	2 45
Sally B. Berry, poor,	6 14
Samuel Brown, highway,	3 99
Levi H. Winslow, minister,	2 45
Tasker & Brown, mill highway,	1 50
John H. Wallace, non-resident,	4 41
Charles H. Twombly, “	2 45
Mrs. B. H. Bunker, poor,	1 85
O. M. Leighton, heirs, “	61
Susan Foye, “	3 69
Jared P. Brown, “	2 45
Ezra T. Hall, highway,	5 82
Charles E. Roberts, poor,	3 09
Mary A. Caverly, “	2 45
Sanborn Parshley, highway,	8 14
Charles C. Robinson, non-resident,	7 35
Enoch Evans, poor,	2 83
Cyrus H. Tasker, lame,	2 45
Wm. F. Berry, horse and heifer lost,	1 47
Thomas Caverly, heirs,	1 28
Hartwell Peabody, F. Sleeper cow,	49
Noah J. Holmes, dead,	1 70
Royal McDonald, minister,	3 19
Meshach Varney, poor,	2 45
Levi Bunker, non-resident,	3 06
Elisha Foss, highway,	4 17
George H. Brown, poor,	4 04
David W. Brown, highway,	75
Howard L. Otis, over 70,	2 45
Levi B. Johnson, poor,	2 45
George C. Davis, non-resident,	2 45
John C. Ricker, “	2 45
Bowen C. Mathes, “	2 71
Lydia Winkley, poor,	1 85
Paul H. Twombly, non-resident,	3 43
Jona. C. Waldron, overtaxed,	3 31
Mehitable Roberts, highway,	2 85
Darius W. Tuttle, poor,	3 32
Richard W. Caverly, “	2 48



John H. Parshley, highway,	78
Charles Jackson, pensioner,	2 45
William H. Pearl, dead,	1 75
John T. Berry, horse lost,	98
Oliver P. Berry, ox lost,	98
Alonzo H. Caverly, land sold,	4 90
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	\$146 00

Abatements allowed Joseph L. Hall in his list for 1881—  
Dog Taxes.

Charles H. Twombly, female,	2 00
Hiram D. Otis,	1 00
Alonzo Tuttle,	1 00
Asa Caverly,	1 00
Stephen N. Lougee,	1 00
John Sanders,	1 00
Darius W. Tuttle,	1 00
Levi W. Brown,	1 00
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	\$9 00

Abatements allowed J. L. Hall on School House Taxes,  
1881.

Dist. No. 5, Royal McDonald,	28
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Abatements allowed J. W. Tuttle for the year 1880.

Nancy Berry, poor,	2 49
Isaac T. Shepard,	1 66
Benj. Bunker, estate,	1 25
Jared P. Brown, poor,	1 66
Nancy Berry, highway,	92
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	\$7 98

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount paid school bills,	1719 15
highway, summer of 1880,	15 45
“ from March 1 to May 15, '81,	461 48
“ summer of '81,	1815 13
“ from Dec. 15, '81 to Mar. 1, '82,	2008 90
Notes, interest and bonds,	6841 94
for county paupers	696 58
town “	415 47
State and county taxes, &c.,	2771 33
Lawsuits and damages,	118 67
Sundry persons for services,	706 95
Bounties on hawks and crows,	2 40
School house taxes,	76 39
Damage to sheep, &c., by dogs,	22 00
Abatements,	163 26
in Treasurer's hands,	1453 77
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	\$19,288 87

Money received and receipted by Charles D. Scruton,  
Treasurer for 1881, ending March 1, 1882.

Received from John H. Perry, Treasurer, 1880,	2337 04
Centre Strafford social circle, by note,	75 69
Alfred Jenness, by note,	175 00
Abigail Buzzell, “	170 00
John H. Perry, “	300 00
Lizzie S. Caswell, “	300 00
Elmer Berry, “	120 00
Mary E. Hill, “	200 00
Abigail T. Swain, “	500 00
Rufus Hall, “	300 00
Elmer Berry, “	111 33
Martha Whitchee, “	650 00
Solon A. Carter, railroad tax,	59
Do. savings bank tax,	701 36
Do. literary fund,	139 75



Received from Joseph F. Caverly, collector for 1879,	10 00
Harry Hough, support county paupers,	696 58
George W. Brewster, interest on bond,	37
J. W. Tuttle, collector for 1880,	1445 51
Do. abatements "	7 98
Joseph L. Hall, collector for 1881,	10,733 00
Do. abatements,	146 00
Do. dog tax,	83 00
Do. abatements dog tax,	9 00
Do. school house tax,	76 39
Do. abatements of do.,	28
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	\$19,288 87

CHARLES D. SCRUTON, Treasurer.

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We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account, and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

HIRAM S. HILL, }  
JOHN W. JEWELL, } Auditors.

Strafford, March 4, 1882.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1882.

Outstanding debts against the town, March 1, 1882.

Susan R. Goodwin,	note and interest,	756 20
Mary W. Evans,	" "	45 60
Betsey Y. Caverly,	" "	74 30
Sarah J. Caverly,	" "	135 43
Abigail Buzzell,	" "	628 45
Dearborn D. Caswell,	" "	256 22
Albert H. Foss,	" "	56 91
Silvester Foss,	" "	142 28
Mary A. Hall,	" "	256 10
Samuel F. Welch,	" "	175 79
Gorham T. Foss,	" "	767 97
Lois W. Berry,	" "	60 81
Eliza J. Hill,	" "	77 81
Sarah A. Trickey,	" "	230 98
Horatio N. Foss,	" "	1114 51
Herbert S. Scruton,	" "	232 34
Sarah Ann Foss,	" "	266 43
Charles F. Montgomery,	" "	620 24
Joel F. Berry,	" "	332 55
Daniel Berry,	" "	112 33
Polly Otis,	" "	112 26
Polly Otis,	" "	112 26
Herbert S. Scruton,	" "	39 39
Sarah J. Caverly,	" "	37 62
Mercy E. Montgomery,	" "	223 38
Martha A. Perkins,	" "	534 55
David M. Perkins	" "	1710 56
Mary S. Canney,	" "	88 12
Joseph A. Whitcher,	" "	987 86
Joseph E. Whitcher,	" "	72 93
Charles W. Whitcher,	" "	494 63
Clara J. Hall,	" "	81 35
Frank H. Hall,	" "	305 43
Rufus Hall,	" "	832 00

Mercy E. Montgomery,	note and interest,	1772 66
Daniel Huckins,	" "	2434 66
Charles F. Montgomery,	" "	441 86
Lyman Parsons,	" "	198 24
Charles F. Montgomery,	" "	132 16
Oliver M. Swain,	" "	275 00
Mary L. Goss,	" "	60 50
Lyman Parsons,	" "	187 00
Mary A. McDonald,	" "	121 94
Elmer Berry,	" "	40 38
Dearborn D. Caswell,	" "	205 63
Cotton H. Foss,	" "	435 68
Harrison Twombly,	" "	462 51
Paul Tasker,	" "	135 80
Aaron W. Foss,	" "	2173 23
Mercy E. Montgomery,	" "	758 08
Asa Perkins,	" "	1406 97
Warren P. Hanscom,	" "	150 46
John H. Scott, 2d,	" "	69 05
Albert H. Foss,	" "	313 89
John W. Jewell,	" "	216 32
Lydia Tasker,	" "	364 94
Elizabeth L. Weeks,	" "	208 00
Emma P. Neal,	" "	2053 33
Stephen Young,	" "	2080 00
Social circle, Centre Strafford,	" "	77 80
Martha Whitcher,	" "	668 20
Abigail Buzzell,	" "	172 26
Alfred Jenness,	" "	177 33
John H. Perry,	" "	304 00
Lizzie S. Caswell,	" "	304 00
Elmer Berry,	" "	121 60
Mary E. Hill,	" "	202 66
Abigail T. Swain,	" "	506 66
Elmer Berry,	" "	112 81
Mary J. Parsons,	bond "	50 00
Jesse M. Knowles,	" "	1200 00
Herbert C. Winkley,	" "	404 00
Joseph P. Weeks,	" "	400 00
Paul Hanson,	" "	208 00



George W. Brewster,	bond and interest,	175 00
Judith Brewster,	" "	208 00
Ellen M. Smith,	" "	114 00
Dorcas Worcester,	" "	156 00
Jonathan Worcester,	" "	260 00
Horatio N. Foss,	" "	500 00
Eliza A. Berry,	" "	57 00
Marstin W. Brock, bond,		57 00
School Dist. No. 11, before it was annexed to		
Dist. No. 10,		27 51
School Dist. No. 6,		170 43
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		\$35,308 08

## DEBTS DUE THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1882.

Joseph F. Caverly, collector, 1878,	21 88
Do. do. 1879,	643 79
James W. Tuttle, do., 1880,	103 54
United States, bounties,	2091 62
Execution against Mary Ham,	97 52
Mark K. Foss and Loring K. Foss,	226 84
Warren H. Perkins,	226 84
Paul Perkins,	114 98
Warren Foye,	26 58
David and John W. Avery,	354 57
Joseph L. Hall, collector, 1881,	2353 37
Charles D. Scruton, Treasurer, 1881,	1453 77
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	\$7,715 30

Outstanding debts against the town, March 1,	
1882,	35,308 08
Debts due the town, March 1, 1882,	7715 30
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Balance against the town, March 1, 1882,	\$27,592 78

Reduction of the town debt for the year ending	
March 1, 1882,	\$2,577 62

WARREN H. PERKINS,	} Selectmen of Strafford.
JOHN C. HAYES,	
LOVELL F. BERRY,	

HIRAM S. HILL,	} Auditors.
JOHN W. JEWELL,	





REPORT  
OF THE  
Superintending School Committee  
OF THE  
TOWN OF STRAFFORD,

For the Year 1881-2.

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CITIZENS OF STRAFFORD :

In presenting to you the Annual Report of the condition of the public schools in town, I have endeavored to deal justly and impartially by each teacher and school, and give a true statement of the progress made by the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, Dana R. Berry.

Two terms. The first term 9 weeks and the second 10 weeks, both under the instruction of Miss Edna I. Huckins, of Farmington.

This is one of the largest and most advanced schools in town. The improvement of the scholars, especially during the summer term, was marked; the scholars were very thorough and prompt at recitation.

Did not receive notice in season to visit the school at the close of the second term, but should judge by the appearance at my first visit—some three or four weeks after the commencement—that the term would be as successful as the first, as Miss Huckins is a faithful and experienced teacher, working for the best interests of the scholars; is a perfect disciplinarian, one who seeks to govern her school by getting the good will of her scholars, rather than by strict rules rigidly enforced.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 21 ; average, 20.  
2d " " " " " " 23 ; " " 22.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee, F. P. Whitehouse.

Two terms; one of 6 weeks and the other 8.5 weeks, both taught by Miss Ella F. Parsons, of Rochester.

This is not a large school, but the scholars were very attentive to their studies, consequently made excellent improvement. They were prompt and appeared to thoroughly understand all they had been over, especially during the last term. The class in algebra made great advancement and were thorough. The discipline of the school was perfect.

Miss Parsons is a graduate of the Massachusetts Normal School, and is an excellent instructor; caring for the moral as well as the mental welfare of her pupils. Her methods of instruction are excellent, not allowing a scholar to pass a point until it is thoroughly understood.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 18 ; average, 18.  
2d " " " " " " 18 ; " " 18.

### DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, S. Frank Welch.

One term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss Ida M. Wiggin, of Farmington.

This is a very small school. The scholars are small and not far advanced, but made commendable progress during the term. The discipline was good. Miss Wiggin evidently spared no pains to make the term profitable to the scholars. As this district has but one term during the year—which is a smaller amount than any other district—we cannot expect so much advancement as in other districts.

Whole No. of scholars, 7; average, 7.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, John L. Babb.

Two terms; one of 8 weeks and the other 13 weeks, both under the instruction of Miss Laura A. Willey, of Barnstead.

The advancement of this school during the present year has been excellent; the scholars have been diligent and have taken great interest in their studies. They were thorough and prompt at recitation. The class in history was very proficient. Miss Willey has taught this school several terms before, and always successfully. She is a good disciplinarian, and labors diligently for the best interests of her scholars; not hurrying them over their studies, but seeing that they thoroughly understand all as they progress.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 11; average, 11.

2d “ “ “ “ 12; “ “ 11.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Jacob W. Foss.

Two terms; the first term 8 weeks, taught by Miss Nettie F. Foss, who has taught this school for several terms. It is one of the smallest schools in town, and as the scholars are small, great advancement cannot be expected, although the scholars were attentive to their lessons. Miss



Foss has evidently tried to promote the best interests of the scholars, and succeeded very well.

Whole No. of scholars, 5 ; average, 3.

Second term, 8 weeks, taught by Mr. Frank E. Scruton.

This was Mr. Scruton's first essay at "teaching the young idea how to shoot," but he succeeded very well. The scholars under his care made good advancement. The discipline was good. Of course small schools, with smaller scholars, are no great tests of a teacher's ability, but by carefully watching the progress, an idea can be formed as to whether teaching is the proper vocation for the person.

Whole No. of scholars, 4 ; average, 4.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential Committee, Charles Young.

Two terms ; one of 8 weeks and the other 8.8 weeks, both taught by Miss Alice Felker, of Barrington.

This is one of the most advanced schools in town. The scholars are very thorough and apply themselves faithfully to their studies, and no school has made better progress during the year than this. The discipline of this school was excellent, and the scholars were punctual in their attendance. Miss Felker has taught this school for nine terms very successfully, striving every way in her power to promote the interest of the scholars. The reading classes are unsurpassed by any in town, as much time is profitably devoted to that branch. Mathematics, also, received much attention, blackboard exercises coming in for a large share during each recitation.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 27 ; average, 26.

2d " " 30 ; " 28.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Prudential Committee, Levi W. Brown.

Two terms ; the first 9 and the second 13.7 weeks, both taught by Miss Rose M. Hoyt, of Northwood.

The first term was not a very full school; the scholars were small, consequently not far advanced; but they made good progress and were thorough and prompt. There was an increased number of scholars during the second term, several of whom were quite well advanced in their studies. Good progress was made during the term. Miss Hoyt is a good disciplinarian and succeeds in interesting her scholars in their work. She has labored faithfully for the advancement of the school.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 12; average 8.

2d " " 18; average, 16.

## DISTRICTS Nos. 10 &amp; 11.

Prudential Committee, Miss Mary A. Shaw.

Three terms ; the first, 9.4 weeks, the second 9.6 weeks, both under the instruction of Miss Emma L. Perkins, who has taught this school several terms, always giving good satisfaction.

This is the largest school in town ; but, while many of the scholars are small and not far advanced, there are some excellent scholars who are quite advanced and very thorough in their studies. The progress of the school during these two terms was excellent, especially during the second term. The scholars appeared to exert themselves to make as much improvement as possible. Reading has been a marked feature in this school, and good results noted. The discipline was very good, considering the accommodation the house affords for the scholars.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 40 ; average, 38.

2d " " 46; average, 42.

Third term, 13 weeks, taught by Mr. Isaac Copp, of Barnstead. Mr. Copp is an experienced teacher, thorough in instruction, good in discipline and keenly alive to the requirements of the school-room. He succeeds in interesting his scholars in their studies, allowing no lesson to be passed carelessly. The scholars have made thorough pro-

gress while under his instruction. I can conscientiously recommend Mr. Copp as one of our most efficient teachers. As the term has not closed at the present writing, I cannot give the average attendance.

Whole No. of scholars, 44.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

Prudential Committee, T. W. Leighton.

Two terms, the first term 7 weeks, under the instruction of Mrs. Nancy L. Perkins.

The school made excellent progress while under Mrs. Perkins' charge; the scholars were prompt and thorough, and appeared to understand perfectly what they had been over. Mrs. Perkins has had considerable experience in the school-room and thoroughly understands its requirements; she is a good disciplinarian, thorough instructor, and has, evidently, spared no pains to make the school profitable to the scholars.

Whole No. of scholars, 11; average, 10.

Second term, 9 weeks, taught by Mrs. Cora J. Holmes, who has had but little experience as a teacher, but readily adapts herself to the position, and was very successful during the term. The scholars made good progress and were very quiet and diligent at their studies. Discipline, good. The most of the scholars in this district are small and not far advanced, although there are some who are quite advanced and are making rapid and thorough improvement.

Whole No. of scholars, 15; average, 14.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

Prudential Committee, Oliver M. Swain, Horace W. Evans.

Two terms; one of 7 weeks and the other of 12 weeks. both taught by Miss Carrie H. Evans, of Barnstead.

This is a large school and many of the scholars are quite advanced. They are thorough and have made commenda-



ble progress during the terms they have been under the instruction of Miss Evans. The smaller scholars have made excellent improvement. The discipline of this school was second to none ; a rigid enforcement of stringent rules being unnecessary for the maintenance of good order. The classification of this school is excellent, there being but few classes, consequently the teacher could devote more time with each class. Miss Evans is an excellent teacher ; finding enough to do at all times ; striving to instruct her scholars in the most thorough manner, and is very successful.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 18 ; average, 18.

2d " " " 22 ; " 18.

#### DISTRICT No. 14.

Prudential Committee, Benjamin T. Hayes.

Two terms of 8 weeks each, both under the instruction of Miss Anna B. Hayes, a novice at teaching—this being her first attempt—yet succeeding very well. This is one of the smallest schools in town, and as the scholars are small, great advancement could not be expected, yet they made very good progress. The discipline was good.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 4 ; average, 4.

2d " " " 2 ; average, 2.

#### DISTRICT No. 15.

Prudential Committee, Samuel B. Gray.

Two terms ; the first term, 6 weeks, taught by Miss Nettie F. Foss.

This is quite a large school, and some of the scholars are quite advanced in their studies ; but they did not make the improvement they ought. There was too much confusion allowed in answering at recitation. A little more firmness in governing the school would have been an improvement. This being Miss Foss's first attempt at teaching a large

school, there were many errors to be corrected ; and if she will use more firmness and insist upon less confusion at recitation, she will be more successful.

Whole No. of scholars, 19 . average, 19.

Second term, 10 weeks, under the instruction of Mr. William W. Hurd, of Lebanon, Me.

Mr. Hurd is one of the few successful teachers. He is thorough and practical, seeking by every means in his power to promote the welfare of his scholars. Blackboard exercises are a prominent feature in his method of instruction. The scholars made commendable progress while under his charge ; they were thorough and prompt. The school was rather unfortunate on account of the illness of the teacher, which caused a delay of some weeks about the middle of the term, but the scholars worked enough harder to make up the lost time. I would recommend that the district secure the services of Mr. Hurd for the next winter term.

Whole No. of scholars, 19 ; average, 18.

#### DISTRICT No. 16.

Prudential Committee, John H. Perry.

Two terms ; the first term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Ida A. Perry.

This is not a very advanced school, but the scholars made good progress during the term, and they appeared to understand what they had been over. Miss Perry has evidently tried to make the term a profitable one to the scholars, and has succeeded. The discipline was good.

Whole No. of scholars, 14 ; average, 14.

Second term ; 10 weeks, taught by Mr. Charles H. Twombly, a young man just starting in the profession. He was quite successful, and the scholars made good progress while under his care. He began with a determination to have good order, and by the appearance of the school at the time

visited, I should judge that he succeeded. He may have erred in some things, but "to err is human," and perfection cannot be expected, even in a teacher.

Whole No. of scholars, 17; average, 14.

### DISTRICT No. 17.

Prudential Committee, John D. Clark.

Two terms, one of 10 and the other of 16 weeks, both under the instruction of Miss Nellie F. Wallace, of Northwood.

This is a very large school and many of the scholars are small and not far advanced, but they made very good advancement during the year. There was so much absenteeism that they could not make good progress. Miss Wallace has labored with untiring diligence for the advancement of the scholars, and should not be blamed because the scholars made no more progress. The blame lies chiefly with the parents. Possibly if there was a better school house, the children would take a better interest in their school. Citizens of the district, think this over, and remember that you have the poorest apology for a school house that can be found in town.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 33; average, 31.

2d " " 35; " 30.

### DISTRICT No. 18.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Asenath A. Caverly.

Two terms; one of 7.8 weeks, and the other 9.3 weeks, both taught by Miss M. Abbie Nute, of Madbury.

The school has made rapid progress during the year; the scholars were very thorough and prompt at recitation. Each scholar appeared to try and use the time to the best advantage. The discipline was perfect. Miss Nute was one of our best teachers, allowing no scholar to pass any point of their studies without fully understanding it. She

has labored faithfully for the advancement of her scholars.

1st term, whole number of scholars, 17 ; average, 16.  
2d term, whole number of scholars, 20 ; average, 19.

#### DISTRICT No. 19.

Prudential Committee, John A. Seward.

Two terms ; the first term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Kate Buzzell, of Barrington.

This is not a very advanced school, but the scholars are diligent, and have made good progress during the term. They were quite thorough, and appeared to understand their studies as far as they had been over. The discipline was good. The teacher evidently appreciated her position and labored hard for her scholars.

Whole number of scholars, 16 ; average, 16.

Second term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Nettie F. Foss, who has succeeded better than during her previous term. She has improved in discipline, and in her manner of conducting class-exercises ; but there is still room for improvement. She should teach her scholars to be more self-reliant ; however, the school made good progress while under her charge.

Whole number of scholars, 19 ; average, 19.

#### DISTRICT No. 20.

Prudential Committee, C. Herbert Tasker.

Two terms of 7 weeks each, both taught by Miss Emma A. Parsons, of Pittsfield.

This district is unfortunate in many respects. The citizens are not united in school affairs, consequently the school is injured. They do not sympathize or extend a helping hand to the teacher, and if the school is not successful they cast the blame upon her. The parents do not seem to care whether their children attend school or not. Your committee was requested to investigate the affairs of



the school, and see if, as was reported, the teacher was doing her duty, and came to the conclusion that the teacher was doing as well as any placed in her position could do. She needed the encouragement of the whole district.

I would strongly recommend that this district be united with District No. 17, and thereby avoid much dissension.

1st term, whole number of scholars, 6 ; average, 5. 2d term, whole number of scholars, 4 ; average, 4.

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There has been a gradual improvement in the schools during the past two years, which I hope will continue ; where the attendance has been regular, good results were noted. There were but few districts in which the attendance was regular ; the registers were badly marked with absent and tardy marks.

Parents, can you expect your children to make good progress if they are absent from school a third of the time ? Yet you blame the teacher if they do not learn, while, in fact, the blame lies with yourselves for not sending them to school.

#### TEACHERS.

There has been twenty-one different teachers employed during the year, of whom seventeen were female and four male, nearly all of whom met my fullest expectations.

#### SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school houses in town are, with few exceptions, in good condition. That of District No. 5 has been thoroughly repaired during the year, but a mistake was made in not having more blackboard surface. I would suggest to the inhabitants of District No. 17 the necessity of building a new school house, as the old one is unfit for the purpose intended. Also the house in Districts 10 and 11 sadly needs rebuilding, or rather there should be a new one, as the present one is not large enough for the accommodation of the scholars.

## TEXT-BOOKS.

There has been a change in the spelling-books, Swinton's being substituted for Wilson's; also Manson's Writing Speller was introduced into a few of the schools. I would earnestly recommend to the citizens that Districts Nos. 17 and 20 be united into one district, as it would be for the benefit of the scholars of both districts, and, in a measure, tend to do away with much of the contention in District No. 20. Citizens, in your choice of Prudential Committees, select your best men; men who have an interest in the schools, as they are the ones who hold the "purse-strings" of the school money, and have the control in expending it. It is the duty of the Prudential Committee to notify the Superintendent as to the time of the commencement and close of the school, and that they do it at a seasonable time that he may have time to visit the schools. I was not notified in season to make a final examination of the school in District No. 1.

I append the "Roll of Honor" for the several districts. It contains the names of all who have attended any term without absent or tardy marks. The table of statistics may be found at the town clerk's office.

CHARLES W. WHITCHER, S. S. Com.

Strafford, Feb. 25, 1882.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1—Addie L. Foss, Lilla B. Foss, Nelson G. Howard, Milly Scruton, Harry E. Scruton.

DISTRICT No. 3—Effie J. Berry, Etta M. Berry, John M. Felker, Albert B. Felker, Bessie G. Hall.

DISTRICT No. 5—Arthur C. Babb, Frank H. Babb.

DISTRICT No. 6—Clara B. Foss, Arthur K. Hall.

DISTRICT No. 7—Hattie M. Berry, Mabel L. Berry, Willie L. Berry, Walter H. Babb, Cora C. Dame, Allie E. Foss, Nellie J. Garland, Lydia A. Hall, Etta J. Hall, Israel C. Hall, Berthena A. Miller, Willie F. Otis.

DISTRICT No. 9—Henry E. Brown, Fred L. Brown, Albert C. Berry, Isabel Caswell, Emma J. Foss, Flora J. Johnson, Laura A. Johnson, Burton Palmer, Curtis G. Palmer.

DISTRICT Nos. 10 & 11—Edna L. Foss, Lewis D. Hill, Jennie Mason, Fred Mason, Effie L. Shaw, Lena B. Shaw, Cecil C. Shaw, Bertie Shaw, Angie L. Strachn.

DISTRICT No. 12—Clara I. Foss, Freddie L. Gray, Fannie Perkins, Abbie D. Perkins, Harry D. Perkins, John H. Perkins.

DISTRICT No. 13—Myra E. Foss, Alice M. Foss, Linda A. Otis.

DISTRICT No. 14—Flora E. Webber.

DISTRICT No. 15—Laura Canney, Ida E. Cate, Ernest L. Cate, May F. Hall, Lizzie B. Hawkes, Annie M. Piper.

DISTRICT No. 16—Minerva R. Perry, Grace M. Wallace.

DISTRICT No. 17—Elsie E. Foss, Cora Foss, Rosa Gray, Charlie Gray.

DISTRICT No. 18—Clarence Z. Caverly, Robert W. Caverly, Mary E. Hanson.



Number of District.	TEACHERS.	Revenue.		Wages of Teachers.		Length of Schools.		Sum.	Average Attd. Sum.	Whole Attd. Win.	Average Attd. Win.
		Raised by Town.	Literary Fund.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.				
1	Miss Edna I. Huckins,	\$115.62	\$ 8.87	\$22.00	\$26.00	9.	10.	21	20	23	22
3	Ella F. Parsons,	74.79	5.74	20.00	24.00	6.	8.5	18	18	18	18
4	Ida M. Wiggin,	56.31	4.33		20.00		12.			7	7
5	Laura A. Willey,	102.26	7.67	19.00	22.00	8.	13.	11	11	12	11
6	Nettie F. Foss,	28.85	2.22			8.		5	4		
"	Mr. Frank E. Scruton,						8.			4	3
7	Miss Alice Felker,	97.40	7.50	24.00	24.00	8.	8.8	27	26	30	28
9	Rose M. Hoyt,	132.06	10.14	24.00	24.00	9.	13.7	12	8	18	16
10	Emma L. Perkins,	218.06	16.73	26.48		*19.1		46	42		
"	Mr. Isaac Copp,				32.00		13.			44	
12	Mrs. Nancy L. Perkins,	67.34	5.17	18.00		7.		11	10		
"	Miss Cora J. Holmes,				18.00		9			15	14
13	Carrie H. Evans,	75.28	5.78	14.00	18.00	7.	12.	18	18	22	20
14	Anna B. Hayes,	60.16	4.62	16.00	16.00	8.	8.	4	4	2	2
15	Nettie F. Foss,	92.56	7.10	20.00		6.		19	19		
"	Mr. William W. Hurd,				30.00		10.			19	18
16	Miss Ida A. Perry,	89.44	6.87	18.00		9.		14	13		
"	Mr. Charles H. Twombly,				20.00		10.			17	14
17	Miss Nettie F. Wallace,	125.22	9.16	19.00	20.00	10.	16.	33	31	35	30
18	M. Abbie Nute,	95.09	7.28	24.00	24.00	7.8	9.8	17	16	20	19
19	Kate Buzzell,	82.59	6.34	24.00		8.		16	16		
"	Nettie F. Foss,				22.00		9.			19	19
20	Emma A. Parsons,	50.96	3.73	15.00	15.00	7.	7.	6	5	4	4

Two Terms.\*





